

Constitution and By-Laws
of the
National Society
of the
Daughters of the American Revolution

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General Information

1. Application for Membership, when properly filled out and endorsed by at least one member of the Society, should be sent to the Chapter Registrar if the applicant joins through a Chapter. An applicant joining the National Society as a member-at-large should send

her application to the Registrar General. No application is examined until the initiation fee and dues are paid.

2. Fees and dues of Chapter members should be paid to the Chapter Treasurers. Fees and dues of the members-at-large should be forwarded to the National Society directly. Currency mailed at sender's risk.

3. Certificates of membership and permits for the ceremonial badge, recognition pin and ancestral bars are issued by the Registrar General.

4. Communications in regard to the formation of Chapters should be addressed to the State Regent or to the Vice-President General in Charge of Organization.

5. Charters of Chapters are issued by the Vice-President General in Charge of Organization of Chapters who will forward blank for application on demand. The Charter fee (\$5.00) should be paid to the Treasurer General.

6. Requests for supplies and communications addressed to the National Board should be sent to the Corresponding Secretary General.

7. Orders for rosettes (the informal badge), 25 cents each; Lineage Book, Vols. 1-30, \$1.00 each; Directory, 1908, \$1.00; Daughters of the American Revolution ribbon, 35 cents a yard, and other articles sold by the National Society should be sent to the Curator, at Memorial Continental Hall, Washington, D. C.

8. Note paper, with the Society water-mark, with or without the insignia, and souvenir spoons (tea, \$2.00 to \$2.50; coffee, \$1.25 to \$1.75, according to materials used) are sold by J. E. Caldwell & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

The Recognition Pin may be obtained from Mrs. Ellenore Dutcher Key, Memorial Continental Hall, Washington, D. C. Price, \$1.00.

9. The Editor of the American Monthly Magazine is Mrs. Elroy M. Avery, 2831 Woodhill Road, Cleveland, Ohio, to whom all contributions intended for publication should be sent.

Notes and queries should be sent to the Genealogical Editor, Kendall Green, Washington, D. C.

Subscriptions and advertisements should be sent to the Business Manager, at Memorial Continental Hall.

10. A member in good and regular standing, desiring to be transferred from one Chapter to another, or to Membership at Large, is entitled to a transfer card signed by the Regent, Treasurer and Registrar of her Chapter. A duplicate copy of her original application paper on file in the archives of the National Society may be secured from Headquarters upon payment of 25 cents, cost of copying. This duplicate copy of her application paper, together with her transfer card, must be filed in the archives of the Chapter to which she is transferred.

11. *Resolved*, That hereafter if a member enter a Chapter within six months after the payment of her dues to the National Society direct,

the Treasurer General is directed to return one dollar to the Chapter on demand.—*American Monthly*, May, 1896, page 714.

12. A member who has been dropped and who wishes to re-enter the Society is obliged to pay all back dues which she owed at the time she was dropped. After that payment her position is on a par with a member who has resigned: that is, she can either pay all her back dues and be reinstated with her old number, or file a new paper and re-enter as a new member upon payment of three dollars additional.

13. In accordance with Article XI, Section 2 of the By-Laws, the following recommendation was adopted by the National Board June 3, 1908: "We would recommend that if any Chapter neglects or fails to pay the Dollar within twelve months after the twenty-second of March, when it becomes due, that the name of the member shall be taken from the Chapter rolls, placed as a member at large, and unless the dues are forthcoming within another year, dropped from the rolls of the Society."

14. Real Daughters of Revolutionary Soldiers are exempt from annual dues, but must pay the initiation fee of one dollar.

15. Any member whose papers are accepted by the National Society on or after August 22d in any year shall not be required to pay dues again until the 22d of March of the second year next ensuing.

Constitution

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. The name of this Society shall be THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

SEC. 2. All persons duly qualified, who have been regularly admitted by the National Board of Management, shall be members of the National Society, but for purposes of convenience they may be organized into local Chapters as hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY.

The objects of this Society are:

(1) To perpetuate the memory of the spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence, by the acquisition and protection of historical spots, and the erection of monuments; by the encouragement of historical research in relation to the Revolution and the publication of its results; by the preservation of documents and relics,

and of the records of the individual services of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots, and by the promotion of celebrations of all patriotic anniversaries.

(2) To carry out the injunction of Washington in his farewell address to the American people, "to promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge," thus developing an enlightened public opinion, and affording to young and old such advantages as shall develop in them the largest capacity for performing the duties of American citizens.

(3) To cherish, maintain, and extend the institutions of American freedom, to foster true patriotism and love of country, and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty.

ARTICLE III.

ELIGIBILITY AND ADMISSION.

SECTION I. Any woman may be eligible for membership who is of the age of eighteen years, and who is descended from a man or woman who, with unflinching loyalty, rendered material aid to the cause of Independence; from a recognized patriot, a soldier or sailor or civil officer, in one of the several Colonies or States, or of the United Colonies or States; provided that the applicant be acceptable to the Society.

SEC. 2. Every applicant for membership must be endorsed by at least one member of the National Society, and her application shall then be submitted to the Registrar General,* who shall report on the question of eligibility to the General Board of Management, when the question of admission shall be voted on by the Board by ballot, and if a majority of said Board approves such application, the applicant, after payment of the initiation fee, shall be enrolled as a member of the National Society.

SEC. 3. All persons whose applications were approved on or before October 11, 1891, are charter members of the National Society.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. The officers of the National Society shall be a President General; one Vice-President General in Charge of Organization of Chapters; Vice-Presidents General; one Recording and one Corresponding Secretary General; one Registrar General; one Treasurer General; one Historian General; one Assistant Historian General; one Chaplain General and one Librarian General.

These officers shall be elected by ballot, biennially, by vote of the

*In localities where Chapters are organized the application should be sent through the Chapter Registrar. (See Article VII, Section 2.)

majority of the members present at the meeting of the Continental Congress, and shall hold office for two years, and until the close of the Continental Congress, at which their successors shall be elected, except that the Treasurer General shall hold office until her successor has secured bondsmen, who have been duly accepted by the National Board of Management. Ten Vice-Presidents General shall be elected each year to hold office for two years, but only one Vice-President General from any State shall be nominated at the same Congress, and said candidate shall be the choice of the majority of the delegates of her State in attendance upon the Continental Congress. In case more than ten candidates for Vice-Presidents General receive a majority vote, the ten receiving the highest votes shall be considered elected. No person shall hold office for more than two terms successively, except the President General, who shall be eligible to this office for two consecutive terms, regardless of previous service in other offices on the National Board; and no one shall be eligible to hold office in the National Society until she has been a member of the National Society two years.

An officer appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve only during the unexpired term from the previous time of election until the next regular election.

SEC. 2. The number of Vice-Presidents General may be increased from time to time, not to exceed twenty in all, by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Management.

SEC. 3. In addition to the active officers named in Section 1 of this Article there may be Honorary Vice-Presidents General and Honorary State Regents to be chosen from among those members who have rendered valuable service to the Society. The power to elect Honorary Vice-Presidents General shall be vested in the Continental Congress, and no more Honorary Vice-Presidents General shall be elected until the number heretofore elected shall be reduced below thirteen by death, resignation, or other cause; and that thereafter, the number shall at no time exceed thirteen. The power to elect Honorary State Regents for the several States and Territories shall be vested in the delegates to the Continental Congress from such State or Territory, respectively.

No State Regent, State Vice-Regent, or Honorary State Regent shall be appointed or elected who is not an actual resident of the State she represents; and no one shall hold more than one active office at the same time in the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

SEC. 4. All active and honorary officers shall be members of the National Society in good standing.

ARTICLE V.

THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS.

SECTION 1. All legislative and judicial power in the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution is vested in the Continental Congress.

SEC. 2. The Continental Congress of the National Society shall be composed of all the active officers of the National Society; the State Regent, or in her absence the State Vice-Regent, from each State, Territory, and the District of Columbia; and the Regents and Delegates of each organized Chapter in the United States, and in foreign countries.

SEC. 3. Each Chapter shall be entitled to be represented at the Continental Congress by its Regent or her alternate.

The Chapters shall be entitled to be represented by their Regent and one delegate for the first fifty members; when one hundred members are attained, to still be represented by but one delegate. This to apply to all Chapters.

After the first hundred, the representation shall be in the ratio of one delegate to every subsequent one hundred.

An alternate shall be elected for each Chapter Regent and delegate.

Only members who have paid their dues for the official year then current shall be entitled to representation.

No member whose dues have not been paid to the National Society for the fiscal year, on or before March 1st, preceding the Congress, shall be entitled to represent her Chapter.

SEC. 4. The annual meeting of the Continental Congress shall be held in Washington City, D. C., during the week in which the 19th of April falls. At this meeting the report of the Board of Management shall be considered; all the officers of the National Society shall be elected by ballot, and such business transacted as the good of the Society may require.

SEC. 5. Special meetings shall be called by the Board of Management or by the President General when directed so to do by the Board of Management, or when requested in writing so to do by twenty-five or more members, representing Chapters in at least three States, on giving thirty days' notice, specifying the time and place of meeting and the business to be transacted.

SEC. 6. All honorary and ex-officers of the National Society may attend the meetings of the Continental Congress, but shall not participate in its deliberations.

SEC. 7. A quorum of the Continental Congress shall be one hundred properly accredited delegates.

ARTICLE VI.

THE NATIONAL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

SECTION 1. The National Board of Management shall be composed of the active officers of the National Society, and one State Regent, or, in her absence, one State Vice-Regent from each State and Territory; said State Regent to be chosen by the delegates from each State and Territory to the Continental Congress at its annual meeting, and the State Vice-Regent may be chosen at such annual meeting or at the annual State conference. The officers of the National Society shall be *ex officio* officers of the Board of Management. The Board shall meet at least once every four months, and at such times as the exigencies of the Society may demand, on the call of the President. Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 2. The National Board of Management shall be an administrative body. They shall carry out the ordering of Congress; act upon applications for membership; fill vacancies in office until the next meeting of Congress; prescribe rules and regulations for their own government while in office, and, in general, do all things necessary for the prosperity and success of the Society, subject, however, to the approval of the Continental Congress.

SEC. 3. A National Executive Committee of nine, of which the President General shall be Chairman *ex-officio*, shall be elected by the National Board of Management from its members, and shall, in the interim between the meetings of the Board transact such business as shall be delegated to it by the National Board of Management.

SEC. 4. The President General may call meetings of the National Board of Management and the Executive Committee at any time she may deem necessary, and shall call such meeting upon the written request of any five members thereof, provided that not less than five days' notice of the time and place of such meeting shall be given.

ARTICLE VII.

CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. When twelve members of the Society shall be living in one locality they may, after formal authorization by the National Board of Management, organize a Chapter. They may elect a presiding officer, whose title will be Regent, and who will be a delegate to the Continental Congress of the National Society, a Secretary, a Registrar, and such other officers as may be required.*

*It will be observed from the foregoing and Article IV, Section 4, of the By-Laws, that in order to facilitate the organization and extension of the Society in

SEC. 2. After a local Board of Management shall have been established, all applications for membership shall be passed upon by the Local Board, and if the applicant shall be deemed satisfactory and her eligibility established, the application shall receive the endorsement of the Regent, Secretary, and Registrar, and be forwarded to the National Board of Management for final action.

SEC. 3. The local Chapters shall be governed by the Constitution of the National Society, but may enact By-Laws for their own government in harmony with the Constitution of the National Society.

ARTICLE VIII.

INITIATION, DUES, AND LIABILITIES.

SECTION I. The initiation fee to the National Society shall be one

all the States and Territories of the Union, two methods of forming Chapters are allowable under the Constitution.

One method authorizes twelve members of the Society living in one locality, after formal authorization by the National Board of Management, to come together to form a Chapter and *elect* a Regent, Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer, and other officers, and, if desired, a local Board of Management.

The other method contemplates the selection and appointment by the State Regent (or in States that have no State Regent, by the Vice-President General in charge of Organization) of Chapter Regents, to whom authority is given to form Chapters in given localities, and to *appoint* officers for those Chapters for the *first* year.

Both methods are legitimate and consistent with the spirit of the Constitution. Twelve members in both cases must be obtained before the Chapter can be organized. No one shall be a member of more than one Chapter at the same time.

dollar, and the annual dues two dollars, payable in advance on or before the 22d day of March in each year.

SEC. 2. The payment of twenty-five dollars at one time shall constitute a life membership and exempt the member from further payment of dues.

SEC. 3. The local Chapters shall be entitled to retain one-half of the annual dues and one-half of the life-membership fees paid to them, respectively, for their own use. The local Chapters may by By-Laws make provision for the collection of additional dues for their own use.

SEC. 4. The sum of three dollars, covering the initiation fee and annual dues for the current year, must accompany each application presented to the National Society direct. The sum of two dollars, covering the initiation fee and one-half the annual dues for the current year, shall accompany each application forwarded to the National Society, through any local Chapter, unless the applicant can present a card of transfer from the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution, showing that she was in good standing, with all dues paid to that Society, to the age of eighteen, and that the transfer is given within a year thereafter.

SEC. 5. A member who shall remain in arrears for dues for three months after notice of her indebtedness has been sent her may be

dropped from the rolls by the Board of Management; but no one shall be dropped until after two notices of arrears shall have been given her. Members at large of the National Society dropped for non-payment of dues may be reinstated by the National Board of Management upon payment of all back dues, and all members dropped from Chapters for non-payment of dues may be reinstated through their respective Chapters, upon payment of all back dues to the Chapters, the Chapters to pay to the National Society one dollar for each year of delinquency of each member, and the National Board of Management to approve such reinstatement.

SEC. 6. No debt or liability, except the ordinary current expenses of the National Society, shall be incurred, nor any project or plan requiring the expenditure of money shall be entered into, for which the National Society shall be responsible, except by a vote of three-fourths of the Board of Management; and every obligation for the payment of money, except checks drawn against deposits, executed in the name or in behalf of the National Society, shall be null and void.

ARTICLE IX.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION I. Proposed amendments to the Constitution, if endorsed

by twelve members of the Society, or by any organized Chapter, may be presented once in two years only, at a Continental Congress of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and acted upon at the next Congress, the full power to amend being vested in such Congress, and such amendments, if approved by a two-thirds vote of the members present, shall be in full force thereafter as part of this Constitution; and it shall require a two-thirds vote to lay any proposed amendment on the table. Amendments may be presented in 1903, and every second year thereafter.

SEC. 2. Notice of all proposed amendments must be sent by the Board of Management to all State and Chapter Regents in the Society within ninety days after the adjournment of the Congress at which the amendment has been submitted.

By-Laws

ARTICLE I.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Nominations of officers shall be made from the floor, and the election shall be by ballot. A majority shall elect.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The duties of the general officers shall be such as usually appertain to their offices, and they shall have such other duties as are hereinafter imposed. They shall report at the annual meeting, and at such other times as may, by the National Board of Management, be directed.

SEC. 2. When a National Officer is unable to attend to the duties of her office, either by absence from the city or otherwise, she shall report such fact to the Board of Management, and the Board shall thereupon

appoint one of its members to temporarily perform the duties of such office.

SEC. 3. In order to preserve uniformity and prevent conflict of authority, all information regarding rules and regulations governing the National Society and the formation and organization of Chapters shall be sent out by the Officers under whose jurisdiction such questions may belong. All such information shall be submitted to the Board of Management for approval before distribution.

ARTICLE III.

PRESIDENT GENERAL.

SECTION 1. The President General, in addition to her general duties, shall be *ex officio* Chairman of the National Board of Management and of the Executive Committee, and a member of every other committee.

SEC. 2. At each annual meeting she shall appoint the following Standing Committees:

Finance Committee.

Auditing Committee.

Printing Committee.

Revolutionary Relics Committee.

The duties of the above committees shall be such as usually pertain to committees of like character, and such as may be defined by the Board of Management.

ARTICLE IV.

VICE-PRESIDENTS GENERAL AND STATE REGENTS.

SECTION 1. In the absence of the President General from any session of the Continental Congress, or from a meeting of the National Board of Management, one of the Vice-Presidents General shall be elected to preside.

SEC. 2. In the prolonged absence or inability to act of the President General the executive authority shall be vested in the Vice-President General who may be selected by the Board of Management for that purpose.

SEC. 3. The Vice-President General in Charge of Organization of Chapters shall have authority to nominate one State Regent for the first year, to be elected by the Board. When Chapters organize through the State Regent the application shall be presented by the State Regent to the Vice-President General in Charge of Organization of Chapters, who shall apply to the National Board of Management for formal authorization to form such a Chapter. When a Chapter organizes under Art. VII, Sec. 1 of the Constitution, the Vice-President General in

Charge of Organization of Chapters shall confer with the State Regent in whose jurisdiction the proposed Chapter will be before bringing such application to the National Board of Management for formal authorization to organize. She shall have general supervision of the organization of Chapters, in connection with the respective State Regents, and shall perform such other duties as may be entrusted to her by the National Board of Management.

SEC. 4. The State Regents shall have power to appoint the Regents of Chapters in their respective States and Territories for the first year, subject to the approval of the National Board of Management,* and be charged with the active work of organization therein, subject to the general supervision of the Vice-President General in Charge of Organization of Chapters.

SEC. 5. The Regents of Chapters shall have power to appoint the Officers of their respective Chapters for the first year.

SEC. 6. No Officer shall be elected by the National Board of Management at the same meeting at which she is nominated. The name of the candidate for election must be presented in writing, together with the qualifications that would make her a desirable member, and the election shall be by ballot.

*See foot-note to Constitution, Article VII.

ARTICLE V.

SECRETARIES GENERAL.

SECTION 1. The Recording Secretary General shall keep a record of all the meetings of the National Society, the Board of Management, and the Executive Committee; have charge of the seal; give due notice of all meetings of the National Society or National Board of Management or Executive Committee; give due notice to all General Officers and Chapters of all votes, orders and proceedings affecting or appertaining to their duties, and generally perform such acts as pertain to her office.

SEC. 2. The Corresponding Secretary General shall attend to all correspondence of the Society and Board of Management; distribute all pamphlets, circulars, and supplies which are gratuitously issued, as directed by the National Board of Management, and perform such other duties as may be directed by the Board.

ARTICLE VI.

TREASURER GENERAL.

The Treasurer General shall have charge of the funds and securities of the National Society. She shall deposit the same in such banking institution, in the City of Washington, as the National Board of Management shall select, to the credit of the National Society of the

Daughters of the American Revolution, and draw thereon by check, when so directed by the Continental Congress or National Board of Management. All bills, except such as the Board of Management shall specifically exempt, shall be countersigned by the Chairman or Acting Chairman of the Finance Committee. The Treasurer General shall make an annual report to the Continental Congress. Her accounts shall be audited monthly by an expert accountant, chosen by the Auditing Committee and approved by the National Board of Management. Her report and accounts shall be submitted to the Auditing Committee. She shall give bond for the faithful discharge of the duties above defined.

ARTICLE VII.

REGISTRAR GENERAL.

The Registrar General shall keep a register of the names and dates of the election of all members of the several Chapters and of the National Society at large, and shall have the care and custody of all applications for membership, duplicates of which, properly approved by the National Officers, shall be retained by the registrars of the Chapters. The Registrar General shall examine all applications for membership, and approve the same if the applicant is found eligible; if not, she shall return the same for correction, pointing out its defects.

She shall make all corrections to Ancestors' records and carry on all correspondence connected with this, as well as with all other genealogical matters pertaining to the duties of the Registrar General's office. She shall report all applications to the National Board of Management for final action.

ARTICLE VIII.

HISTORIAN GENERAL.

The Historian General shall have the custody of all the historical and biographical collections of which the National Society may become possessed, and shall catalogue and arrange the same, and shall place the same in a fire-proof repository for preservation. She shall prepare, for official publication by the Society, historical and biographical sketches of the Revolutionary ancestry of members and of distinguished women of the Revolution.

ARTICLE IX.

CHAPLAIN GENERAL.

The Chaplain General shall conduct such services as occasion may require.

ARTICLE X.

LIBRARIAN GENERAL.

The Librarian General shall have the care and custody of all books,

magazines, pamphlets and manuscripts of which the National Society may become possessed, and shall catalogue and arrange the same. She shall have charge of soliciting gifts, negotiating exchanges and purchasing new volumes for the library. She shall have the power, subject to the approval of the National Board of Management, of rejecting any volumes offered to the library which she deems unsuited to the character of the collection. She shall carry on the correspondence of the Library and shall have complete supervision of its administration.

ARTICLE XI.

CHAPTERS.

Every Chapter shall

(1) Notify the Vice-President General in Charge of Organization of Chapters of the election and appointment of all officers and delegates.

(2) Pay to the Treasurer General, on or before the 22nd day of March, the sum of one dollar for each active member thereof, accompanied by a typewritten alphabetical list of its members.

(3) Transmit to the Registrar General all approved applications for membership for final action by the Board, and notify her of the resignation or death of any member thereof.

(4) Duplicates of such reports shall be sent by each Chapter to its State Regent.

(5) Each Chapter shall elect a Regent, Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer, other officers, and local board of management, at that time of year that best suits its convenience; but the delegates must be elected *on or before the first of March* preceding the Continental Congress. A Regent may be empowered by her Chapter to fill any vacancy arising in her delegation from illness, or other cause, after the first of March, from alternates duly elected for that purpose on or before the first of March.

(6) Each Chapter shall be entitled, upon payment of the cost thereof, to a certificate or charter duly certifying its name, location, date, officers, and organizing members, which shall be signed by the President General and Recording Secretary General, attested by the seal of the National Society and countersigned by the State Regent.

(7) Chapters must not be named for living persons; and unless there is good and sufficient reason they should not be named for persons who belong to a later historical period than the one ending in 1820.

(8) Chapters may elect honorary members, but persons so elected must be active members in good standing in the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

ARTICLE XII.

SEAL.

The seal of the Society shall be one and seven-eighth of an inch in diameter, charged with the figure of a dame of the Revolutionary time



sitting at her spinning wheel, with thirteen stars above her, the whole surrounded by a rim containing the legend, "The National Society of

the Daughters of the American Revolution, 1776-1890," and the motto, "Home and Country."

ARTICLE XIII.

CERTIFICATES.

Each member of the Society shall be entitled to a certificate of membership, duly attested by the President General, Recording Secretary General, Registrar General, and the seal of the National Society.

ARTICLE XIV.

INSIGNIA.

The insignia of the Society shall consist of a badge in the form of a spinning wheel and distaff. It shall be carried only on the left breast. The wheel is seven-eighths of an inch in diameter and of gold, with thirteen spokes, and a field of dark-blue enamel upon its tire bearing the name of the Society in letters of gold. Upon its outer rim, opposite the ends of the spokes, are thirteen small stars, which may be set with precious stones at the discretion of the owner. Underneath the wheel is a golden distaff, one and one-half inches long, filled with silver flax. Upon the back of the wheel the registration number of the owner shall be engraved, and her name may be added. The ribbon

to be worn with the wheel is dark blue with a white edge, ribbed and watered, following the colors of Washington's staff. The badge for informal wear shall be the Insignia of the Society, engraved or otherwise impressed upon a material enclosed in a gold or other rim. A rosette of the prescribed ribbon, attached to a stick-pin, may be worn as an informal badge upon ordinary occasions. Distinctive ancestral



bars shall be patented by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The Insignia, Recognition Pin, and Ancestral Bars shall be issued only by permit from the Registrar-General.

ARTICLE XV.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

At the meetings of the Board of Management the following order

of business shall be observed: 1st, Prayer by Chaplain General. 2d, Reading of minutes of previous meetings and their approval. 3d, Reports of officers and Standing Committees. 4th, Reports of Select Committees. 5th, Unfinished business. 6th, New business. 7th, Miscellaneous business.

ARTICLE XVI.

DISCIPLINE.

Any member conducting herself, either at the Chapter meetings or elsewhere, in a way calculated to disturb the harmony of the Society, or to impair its good name or prosperity, or to injure the reputation of any member thereof, may, after thorough investigation, be reprimanded, suspended, or expelled, as the National Board of Management may decide.

No complaint or charge against any member or Chapter shall be considered by the National Board or its Executive Committee until such complaint has been made in writing, signed by at least three members of the Society, and the person, or Chapter, complained against shall have been notified, and given at least three weeks opportunity for answer or defense, which defense shall be made by the person complained of, or by her representative.

ARTICLE XVII.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any meeting of the Continental Congress.

Amendments shall be sent to all the Chapters at least sixty days before the meeting of the Congress in which they are to be voted upon.

SEC. 2. If adopted by a majority vote at a meeting of the Continental Congress, amendments shall take effect from the adjournment of the said meeting.

Art of Incorporation

H. R. 3553

FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

At the First Session begun and held at the city of Washington on the second day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five.

(PUBLIC NO. 19.)

An Act to Incorporate the NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Mary Parke Foster (Mrs. John W. Foster), of Indiana; Mary Virginia Ellet Cabell (Mrs. William D. Cabell), of Virginia; Helen Mason Boynton (Mrs. Henry V. Boynton), of Ohio; Henrietta Greely (Mrs. A. W. Greely),

of Washington, District of Columbia; Lelie Dent Saint Clair (Mrs. F. O. Saint Clair), of Maryland; Regina M. Knott (Mrs. A. Leo Knott), of Maryland; Sara Agnes Rice Pryor (Mrs. Roger A. Pryor), of New York; Sara Ford Judd Goode (Mrs. G. Browne Goode), of Washington, District of Columbia; Mary Desha, of Kentucky; Sue Virginia Field (Mrs. Stephen J. Field), of California; Sallie Kennedy Alexander (Mrs. Thomas Alexander), of Washington, District of Columbia; Rosa Wright Smith, of Washington, District of Columbia; Sara C. J. Hagan (Mrs. Hugh Hagan), of Georgia; Mary Stiner Putnam (Mrs. John Risley Putnam), of New York; Mary Leighton Shields (Mrs. George H. Shields), of Missouri; Ellen Hardin Walworth, of New York; Mary E. McDonald (Mrs. Marshall MacDonald), of Virginia; Eugenia Washington, of Virginia; Alice M. Clarke (Mrs. A. Howard Clarke), of Massachusetts; Clara Barton, of Washington, District of Columbia; Mary S. Lockwood, of Washington, District of Columbia; Frances B. Hamlin (Mrs. Teunis S. Hamlin), of Washington, District of Columbia; Martha C. B. Clarke (Mrs. Arthur E. Clarke), of New Hampshire; Lucia E. Blount (Mrs. Henry Blount), of Indiana; Jane A. O. Keim (Mrs. deB. Randolph Keim), of Connecticut; Louise Ward McAllister, of New York; Effie Ream Osborne (Mrs. Frank Stuart Osborne), of Illinois; Maria Devereux, of Washington, District of

Columbia; Belinda O. Wilbour (Mrs. Joshua Wilbour), of Rhode Island; Georgina E. Shippen (Mrs. W. W. Shippen), of New Jersey; Julia K. Hogg (Mrs. N. B. Hogg), of Pennsylvania; Katherine C. Breckinridge (Mrs. Clifton R. Breckinridge), of Arkansas; Sara Isabella Hubbard (Mrs. Adolphus S. Hubbard), of California; Mary L. D. Putnam (Mrs. Charles E. Putnam), of Iowa; Delia Clayborne Buckner (Mrs. Simon B. Buckner), of Kentucky; Emily Marshall Eliot (Mrs. Samuel Eliot), of Massachusetts; Lucy Grey Henry (Mrs. William Wirt Henry), of Virginia; Elizabeth Blair Lee, of Maryland; Mrs. Frances P. Burrows (Mrs. Julius C. Burrows), Mrs. Mary H. McMillan (Mrs. James McMillan), Mrs. Emma Gregory Hull (Mrs. J. A. T. Hull), Mrs. Mary B. K. Washington (Mrs. Joseph Washington) and their associates and successors, are hereby created a body corporate and politic, in the District of Columbia, by the name of the NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, for patriotic, historical, and educational purposes; to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence; by the acquisition and protection of historical spots and the erection of monuments; by the encouragement of historical research in relation to the Revolution and the publication of its results; by the preservation of documents and relics, and of the records of the

individual services of revolutionary soldiers and patriots, and by the promotion of Celebrations of all patriotic anniversaries; to carry out the injunction of Washington in his farewell address to the American people, "to promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge," thus developing an enlightened public opinion and affording to young and old such advantages as shall develop in them the largest capacity for performing the duties of American citizens; to cherish, maintain, and extend the institutions of American freedom; to foster true patriotism and love of country, and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty.

SECTION 2. That said Society is authorized to hold real and personal estate in the United States, so far only as may be necessary to its lawful ends, to an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars, and may adopt a constitution and make by-laws not inconsistent with law, and may adopt a seal.

Said society shall have its headquarters or principal office at Washington, in the District of Columbia.

SECTION 3. That said society shall report annually to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution concerning its proceedings, and said Secretary shall communicate to Congress such portions thereof as he may deem of national interest and importance. The Regents of the

Smithsonian Institution are authorized to permit said national society to deposit its collections, manuscripts, books, pamphlets, and other material for history in the Smithsonian Institution or in the National Museum, at their discretion, upon such conditions and under such rules as they shall prescribe.

Approved February 20, 1896.

GROVER CLEVELAND,

THOMAS B. REED,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

A. E. STEVENSON,

*Vice-President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

I certify that the above is a true copy of an Act of Congress, the original of which is on file in this Department.

In testimony whereof I, RICHARD OLNEY, Secretary of State of the United States, have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Seal of the Department of State to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this 5th of May, A. D. 1896, and of the Independence of the United States of America the 120th.

[SEAL.]

RICHARD OLNEY.

